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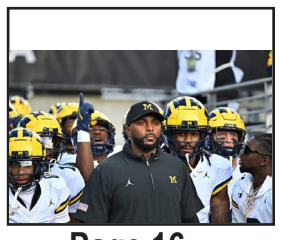

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## La votación anticipada en Detroit y en todo Michigan comienza el sábado 19 de octubre

### Para emitir su voto para las elecciones del 5 de noviembre

Los votantes de Michigan tendrán más de dos semanas para emitir el sufragio, antes de las elecciones generales del 5 de noviembre, lo que les permitirá evitar la multitud del propio día y les da la oportunidad de hacerlo cuando les resulte conveniente, en lugares cercanos a sus hogares.

A partir de las 9 a. m. del sábado 19 de octubre, la ciudad de Detroit activará 14 sitios de votación anticipada que permanecerán abiertos hasta el día de las elecciones del 5 de noviembre. Con un horario de lunes a sábado de 9 a. m. a 5 p. m.

Los lugares de votación anticipada de la ciudad de Detroit incluyen:

- Butzel Family Center, 7737 Kercheval
- Departamento de Elecciones, 2978 W. Grand Blvd
- Parque Clark, 1130 Clark
- Oficina Municipal, 2 Woodward Ave.
- Iglesia Bautista Christ Temple, 10628 Plymouth Rd.
- Complejo de recreación Adams Butzel, 10500 Lyndon
- Centro comunitario Palmer Park, 1121 Merrill Plaisance St.
- Campus oriental de WCCCD, 5901 Conner
- Centro de actividades Northwest, 18100 Meyers Rd.
- Centro de recreación Farwell, 2711 E Outer Dr.
- WCCCD Northwest, 8200 W. Outer Dr.
- Centro de recreación Kemeny, 2260 S. Fort St.
- Centro de recreación Heilmann, 19601 Crusade
- Templo Greater Grace, 23500 W. Seven Mile Rd.

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## Early voting in Detroit and across Michigan begins Saturday, October 19

### To cast ballots for November 5th election

Voters in Detroit and Michigan will have more than two weeks to cast their votes before the November 5th general election, allowing them to avoid election day crowds and vote at their convenience at locations near their homes.

Beginning 9 AM Saturday, October 19th, the City of Detroit will activate 14 early voting sites that will remain open until election day on November 5th. Early voting sites will be open Mon-Saturday from (9am-5pm).

Early voting locations for the City of Detroit include:

- Butzel Family Center, 7737 Kercheval
- Department of Elections, 2978 W. Grand Blvd
- Clark Park, 1130 Clark
- City Clerk Office, 2 Woodward Ave.
- Christ Temple Baptist Church, 10628 Plymouth Rd.
- Adams Butzel Recreation Complex, 10500 Lyndon
- Palmer Park Community Center, 1121 Merrill Plaisance St.
- WCCCD Eastern Campus, 5901 Conner
- Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers Rd.
- Farwell Recreation Center, 2711 E Outer Dr.
- WCCCD Northwest, 8200 W. Outer Dr.
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## EL CENTRAL Receives National Press Forward Grant

EL CENTRAL Hispanic News is pleased to announce that our media organization has been awarded a $100,000 grant over two years from Press Forward, a project of the Miami Foundation. Our newsroom is one of 205 small, local news outlets - including one in every U.S. state - that are receiving a share of $20 million to close coverage gaps in reporting on communities and regions that have traditionally gone uncovered.

More than 900 proposals were received as part of the Closing Local Coverage Gaps grant application process, the first round of funding by Press Forward, a coalition of funders which is investing more than $500 million to strengthen local newsrooms and information, close longstanding gaps in journalism coverage, advance public policy that expands access to local news and scales the infrastructure the sector needs to thrive.

EL CENTRAL publisher and owner Eva Garza Dewaelsche noted the significance of this grant award.

"We are proud to have been selected for this award. This grant will ensure that EL CENTRAL will remain focused on sharing news, features and resources for and about Latinos and other residents of Southwest Detroit and across Michigan for generations to come."

The Press Forward grant will ensure the sustainability of the partnership between EL CENTRAL Hispanic News and the Race and Justice Reporting Initiative founded and led by award-winning journalist Martina Guzman.

"Supporting local news is critical to a healthy democracy. If we don't present fact-based news to Detroit's Latino community, that void will be filled with mis- and disinformation," Guzman said. "This grant supports not only original reporting but the development of the careers of young Latino journalists who want to enter the field."

Managing Editor Robert Dewaelsche added, "the funding that we are receiving from Press Forward is more than just a grant. It's a symbolic gesture that national funders are investing in our news organization and ultimately, in the growing Latino community in our region and state of Michigan."

EL CENTRAL will recognize the contributions of young journalists, photographers and editors when we publish their works which will be supported by the Press Forward grant over the next two years.

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# Kresge debuts book on 2024 Eminent Artist Nora Chapa Mendoza

## *Groundbreaking painter, cultural activist and gallerist lauded for art and contributions to community*

*by W. Kim Heron, courtesy of The Kresge Foundation. Photos by Darrel Ellis*

"My art, for me, is my life. It reflects who I am as a woman, mother and Latina," Kresge's 2024 Eminent Artist says in a new monograph from Kresge titled Su Arte, Su Vida.

Hers is not art for art's sake, she makes clear as she continues: "I want to pass on what I have learned to those who are less fortunate or less able to express themselves and my hope of healing pain, and striving for freedom for all people."

Kresge Foundation CEO and President Rip Rapson formally presented Chapa Mendoza with a copy of the monograph last Thursday evening during a reception at the MexicanTown CDC Mercado. The celebrated and ground-breaking painter, cultural activist and gallerist was named as the year's Kresge Eminent Artist in January.

*Kresge President Rip Rapson presents the 2024 Kresge Eminent Artist monograph to Nora Chapa Mendoza*

The lifetime achievement honor for the artistic achievements and community contributions of a metro Detroiter includes a $100,000 no-strings-attached award, the creation of a short film, and a monograph. Chapa Mendoza is the 16th recipient of the annual Eminent Artist award.

Produced by Kresge's External Affairs and Communications Department and led by freelance creative director-editor-writer Nichole Christian and art director-graphic designer Ed Ryan, the monograph is available for order at no cost while supplies last and in perpetuity as a free download.

Rapson, in his remarks, underscored the value of presenting Chapa Mendoza's biography alongside her art. Said Rapson: "This is the inspiring story of a largely self-taught artist who went from selling at her work at flea markets and art fairs to being shown in prestigious exhibition spaces in Detroit, across the country and around the world."

A Southwest Detroiter, long active in community advocacy, human services, and the arts, Ozzie Rivera spoke as a member of the committee that chose Chapa Mendoza as a Kresge Eminent Artist. Looking out at the audience, with a beaming Chapa Mendoza sitting near the stage, Rivera praised her for speaking for and being of her community.

"She tells our story in her work in very beautiful ways. Obviously as an artist she presents her point of view, but we all shine and smile when we look at how she interprets us," Rivera said. "In celebrating Nora we're also celebrating ourselves because she's always made it a mission to do that."

*Ozzie Rivera delivers remarks at the release celebration.*

And finally, Chapa Mendoza took the stage. Rapson presented her with the monograph, after which she answered questions from the audience. From her encouraging advice to other artists to her reasons for becoming an artist (in essence, she was born to be an artist).

Said Chapa Mendoza: "Art is not for yourself but for the people, for those around you … to bring pleasure to learn something from it … maybe to [find] an answer to a problem that you may have. Certainly [there is] a lot of satisfaction to be able to escape into a piece of work for a few moments and get rest and peace."

The short program also included performances by Mariachi Femenil Detroit and Milagro Compañía de Ballet Folklórico.

Su Arte, Su Vida surveys Chapa Mendoza's life and work, from her impoverished early years in southern Texas to heights as a decorated artist and sought-after workshop leader exhibiting and engaged across the United States and abroad.

In between, the monograph recounts the childhood experiences that kindled and revealed her talent, her move to Detroit for her husband's career, her struggle to break from the marriage that curtailed her art, and the evolution of her art and her emergence as a gallerist, cultural leader and more.

The monograph includes a biographical essay by Christian and assessments by art critics Vince Carducci (College for Creative Studies) and Dr. Elaine Carey, PhD (Oakland University, Rochester) and Scarab Club Gallery Director Dalia Reyes.

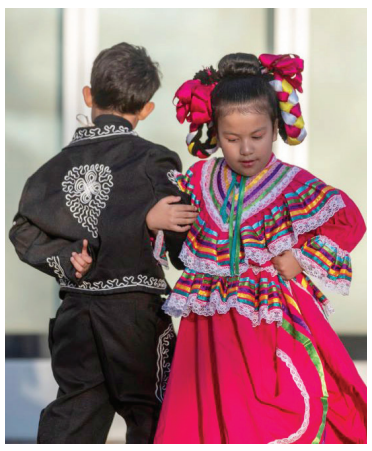
It also features a large sampling of art covering Chapa Mendoza's wide range of expressive modes (from the representational to the symbolic and abstract) and wide range of media (from various painterly techniques to collage and assemblages, including works built in the bodies of violins and other instruments).

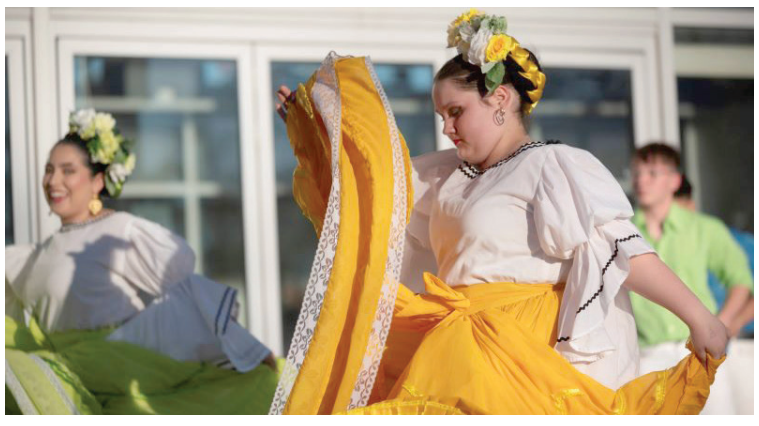
The monograph also includes material from her archives at the Smithsonian Institution. Of particular note is a list — apparently from early in her career — weighing the pros and cons of the life of art. The two cons are "you may never get rich" and "you may never become famous or even recognized."

Among the 15 pros are adventure, waking up eagerly for each day's work, stress reduction, being your own boss, freedom and happiness.

*A performance by the Milagro Compaña de Folklórico*

*Dancing wih Nora Chapa Mendoza.*





*The monograph release celebration was held at the Mexicantown CDC Mercado in Southwest Detroit with food, drinks and colorful decorations.*

*Performances by the Milagro Compaña de Folklórico*

# UNA ECONOMÍA PARA TODOS

Como presidenta, Kamala Harris luchará para reducir los costos de **vivienda, comida y el seguro medico.**

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**HARRIS WALZ**

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## HEY VOTER!

All Michiganders are now guaranteed at least nine days of early voting, for a least eight hours a day, before the November 5 General Election.

To find your early voting locations and hours, visit mi.gov/vote and select "Your voter information."

## ¡HOLA VOTANTE!

Todos los Michiganenses ahora tienen garantizados al menos nueve días de votación temprana, durante al menos ocho horas al día, antes de todas las elecciones estatales y federales.

Para encontrar los lugares y horarios de votación temprana, visite mi.gov/vote y seleccione "Su información de votante."

At an early voting site, you can get your ballot, complete it, and run it through a tabulator just like you would at your polling place on Election Day.

En un sitio de votación temprana, puede obtener su boleta, llenarla y pasarla por un tabulador tal como lo haría en su lugar de votación el día de las elecciones.

There's a lot on the line this election. Learn more about voting on or before Election Day at MichiganVoting.org

Hay mucho en juego en esta elección; obtenga más información sobre cómo votar el día de las elecciones o antes en MichiganVoting.org.

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# Property tax payment plans are available now!

### Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA)

This payment plan reduces the interest rate from 18% to 6% for eligible taxpayers. To sign up, you must own and live in your home, and have a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) and ID that proves residency.

### Distressed Owner Occupant Extension (DOOE)

This program is not available to everyone. If you own and live in the property, and are suffering financial hardship you may qualify for this program. Proof of ownership, occupancy, and hardship are required.

### Stipulated Payment Agreement (SPA)

Available to everybody, this plan allows a taxpayer to pay taxes pursuant to a payment schedule. The plan will avoid foreclosure provided that payments are submitted per the agreed upon schedule.

### Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA)

Only for those who have first applied for their local municipality's Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE) and received an approval. Once notified by your local Assessor's office and deemed eligible, our office will mail you a notification letter with your Reduced Amount Due. You will have the option of paying a lump sum (additional 10% off) or enrolling into a PAYSPA.

**Many of these plans are available online at treasurer.waynecounty.com!**

**For more information email WCTOPaymentPlans@waynecounty.com or call (313) 224-5990.**

# The Mexican-Irish Festival is Back!

*Photos by Alejandro Ugalde Sandoval*

The Mexican Irish Festival is back indeed! Sunday was a great demonstration of culture, community, and love! Festival organizers Martina Guzman, Christina Guzman, and Angela T. Perez Harris brought together their shared expertise in event planning and community organizing to produce an unforgettable experience.

There was delicious food provided by both Mexican and Irish vendors, activities for the children like art classes in Elton Monroy Duran's studio, Irish and Mexican bingo, Irish instruments demonstrations by the Irish Music Institute. The energy was high all day with performances by Shannon Irish Dance School, Ballet Folkorico Moyovoyani Izel, Irish Trio - Madigan's Attic, Ballet Folkorico Joyas De México, Ardan Academy Irish Dance School, and of course closing out this momentous occasion was Mexican band - Conjunto Blindado!

The decor by Under the Rainbow LLC was top notch! Colorful, vibrant and really embodied the festiveness of both cultures!

Breathtaking art display, also known in Mexican culture as a tapete by PanAnte inside the Mercado.

So much fun in the tequila whiskey tasting lounge with DJ Paddy J from Irish Music Cafe, Cabresto and Nancy Whiskey. And can't forget about Armando "DJ SKIPZ" keeping the party going near our friends over at Donovan's Pub!

The day also included a Father Kern memorial exhibit by Deborah Rodriguez (member of Holy Trinity Church) of the Father Kern Foundation whom the original festival was created in honor of!

And last but definitely not least, we cannot forget the fabulous emcee and original founder of the Mexican Irish Festival Maria Elena Perea Rodriguez!

Great to see this kind of event in the Southwest Detroit community and already looking forward to next year!

# Michigan Supreme Court That Puts the Right to Choose in Citizens' Hands

The fact is that a majority of Americans support legal abortion: 63% of Americans think it should be legal in all or most cases, according to 2024 polling by Pew Research Center. That figure jumps to 76% for people under age 30. But when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, which had legalized abortion across the country, it made access to safe, legal abortions much more difficult. That's because the ruling left the decision to states, many of which have since banned abortion in most or all cases – even if it's necessary to protect the life of the mother.

In Michigan, abortion remains legal thanks to the Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan voters. In 2022, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the question of whether abortion should be protected under the Michigan Constitution could be placed on the ballot and the voters would decide.

On Election Day, the ballot measure was passed by everyday Michganders , which amended the State's Constitution to guarantee the right to an abortion in Michigan just months after Roe v. Wade was overturned. Although abortion opponents are appealing the decision at the federal level, they are unlikely to win because the U.S. Supreme Court already made clear they consider it a state-level issue.

This is one of many reasons why it's important to have a balanced Michigan Supreme Court that will put the interests of Michiganders first. After all, 750,000 voters had signed the petition to put the question on the ballot – well over the 425,000 that were required. Voters wanted their voices heard directly, and the Michigan Supreme Court sided with the people.

Michigan is one of 24 states that empower voters to elect their state Supreme Court justices, which is a significant civic duty. The decision on abortion rights shows just how important it is that voters get to choose who will sit on the Michigan Supreme Court, which serves as the guardian of justice, fairness, and our freedoms.

Many Michiganders don't realize they have the power to decide who will serve on the state's highest court. But in November, voters get to choose who will fill two seats on the seven-person court. Those two seats could decide the balance of power, because even though it doesn't say so on the ballot, Supreme Court Justices must be nominated by a political party.

First, it's important to do your homework: Know who is running and which party nominated them, and decide on the two candidates who best represent your values. Second – and this is crucial – don't skip the non-partisan section of the ballot. That's where the Michigan Supreme Court candidates are listed.

Who you vote for matters, because the Michigan Supreme Court makes decisions that impact every aspect of our lives, from civil and reproductive rights to gun safety and fair elections.

So don't stop at the top. It's fine to vote a straight-party ticket, but you have to individually vote for the two candidates you want to fill the two spots on the Michigan Supreme Court. Whoever wins this election is going to have a big say in what the future of Michigan looks like – and you have a voice in electing the candidates you think will best represent the interests of Michiganders like you.

Visit www.misupremecourtrocks.com for details about the Michigan Supreme Court, your voting rights, and a preview of what the non-partisan section of your ballot will look like. And use the website's tools to help spread the word, because every vote counts.

-Cindy Gamboa, MI Poder Executive Director

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# Early voting in Detroit begins Saturday, October 19

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"During major elections, the crowds at polling places on election day can discourage some people from voting," said Mayor Mike Duggan. "We want to make sure that every Detroiter who is registered to vote has the ability to legally cast their vote early, when and where it is most convenient to them."

**How early voting works**

Michigan's law changed to allow early voting in November of 2022, which gives Michiganders a very similar voting experience to voting on election day. Voters will be issued a ballot and then insert their ballots directly into a tabulator at their early voting site, similar to what they would experience on Election Day.

If residents cannot make it in-person to vote at any of the voting locations on or before election day, residents can also vote from home ahead of election day and either mail in their ballot or place it in one of the secure drop box locations.

Residents can sign up for the Permanent Mail Ballot List to receive an absentee ballot in the mail before every election. If the ballot is sent in before the election, the vote will be counted. It's generally recommended that those who plan to vote from home request a mail in ballot no later than October 15th to ensure enough time to receive, complete, and return your ballot by the deadline. Absentee ballots are due y November 5th at 8 p.m. All absentee ballots are trackable online.

You can find an early voting site closest to you by visiting Detroitvotes.org and scrolling down to the map at the bottom of the page.

**Absentee ballots can be requested at**, https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index for individuals who have a valid ID or driver's license.

Residents can check to see if the Detroit City Clerk's office have received their application and if the ballot has been mailed by filling out the online form on, https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index. There residents can also track the status of their ballot.

**City of Detroit Early Voting Site**, https://detroitvotes.org/.

# La votación anticipada en Detroit comienza el sábado 19 de octubre

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"El día de las elecciones primarias, la multitud en el lugar de votación, podría disuadir a algunas personas de votar", dijo el alcalde Mike Duggan, y añadió: "Queremos asegurarnos de que todos los habitantes de Detroit, que estén registrados para votar, tengan la posibilidad de emitir legalmente el sufragio de manera anticipada, cuando y donde les resulte más conveniente".

Cómo funciona la votación anticipada

La ley de Michigan cambió, para permitir la votación anticipada en noviembre de 2022, lo que les brinda a los habitantes, una experiencia similar a la del día de las elecciones. Los votantes recibirán una boleta y luego la insertarán directamente en un tabulador, similar a lo que experimentarían el día de las elecciones.

Si los residentes no pueden acudir en persona a votar, en ninguno de los lugares de votación con antelación o el día de las elecciones, también podrían hacerlo desde casa antes del día de las elecciones y enviar su boleta por correo o colocarla en un buzón seguro.

Los residentes pueden inscribirse en la Lista Permanente de Votación por Correo, para recibir una boleta de voto en ausencia por correo antes de las elecciones. Si la boleta se envía antes de la elección, el voto se contará. En general, se recomienda que quienes planeen votar desde casa soliciten una boleta por correo a más tardar el 15 de octubre para asegurarse de tener tiempo suficiente de recibir, completar y devolver su boleta antes de la fecha límite. Las boletas de voto en ausencia deben entregarse el 5 de noviembre a las 8 p. m. Todas las papeletas de voto en ausencia se pueden rastrear en línea.

Puede encontrar el sitio de votación anticipada más cercano visitando: Detroitvotes.org y desplazándose hacia abajo hasta el mapa en la parte inferior de la página.

Las papeletas de voto en ausencia se pueden solicitar en https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index para personas que tengan una identificación válida o licencia de conducir.

Los residentes pueden verificar si la oficina de la Ciudad de Detroit recibió la solicitud y si la papeleta se envió por correo, completando el formulario en línea en: https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index. Allí, también pueden rastrear el estado de su papeleta.

Sitio de votación anticipada de la ciudad de Detroit: https://detroitvotes.org/.

# La batalla que se avecina: los derechos civiles de los latinos frente al Proyecto 2025

*Fuente: Elaborado por Adriana Varea, Ari Kittrie y Joaquín Macías, becarios de políticas y legislación de LULAC*

El Mandato para el Liderazgo 2025, La Promesa Conservadora, más conocido públicamente como "Proyecto 2025", es un plan para los primeros 180 días de mandato de una presidencia conservadora. Fue redactado por la Heritage Foundation un influyente centro de estudios conservador (think tank),de tendencia derechista con sede en Washington, D.C. encargado de elaborar políticas que se alineen con el partido republicano. La Heritage Foundation le dio el primer Mandato de Liderazgo a Reagan para "reparar el poder ejecutivo" después de la presidencia de Jimmy Carter.

El expresidente Trump se ha distanciado recientemente del Proyecto 2025 al tuitear:

"No sé nada sobre el Proyecto 2025. No tengo idea de quién está detrás de él. No estoy de acuerdo con algunas de las cosas que están diciendo y algunas de las cosas que están diciendo son absolutamente ridículas y abismales. Cualquier cosa que hagan, les deseo suerte, pero no tengo nada que ver con ellos". (@realDonaldTrump)

Sin embargo, esto fue refutado por una declaración de 2022 del expresidente Trump:

"(La Fundación Heritage) es un gran grupo, y van a sentar las bases y detallar los planes de exactamente lo que nuestro movimiento hará y lo que ellos harán cuando el pueblo estadounidense nos dé un mandato colosal para salvar a Estados Unidos". (Bennen, 2024)

Además, varios autores, editores y colaboradores del Proyecto 2025, han trabajado para la administración de Trump. Aproximadamente el 64% de las recomendaciones de políticas del Mandato de Liderazgo de 2016 fueron implementadas o tomadas en consideración por la Administración Trump en 2017 (Fundación Heritage).

En este artículo, describiremos diez formas específicas en las que el Proyecto 2025 afecta de manera desproporcionadamente negativa los derechos civiles de los latinos.

## 1. Establecer un Poder Ejecutivo Unitario

***"La tarea del presidente conservador moderno es limitar, controlar y dirigir el poder ejecutivo. Este desafío se crea y se agrava por [...] la incapacidad de exigir cuentas a los funcionarios públicos de carrera."*** (Project 2025, pág. 43)

El Proyecto 2025 propone dar al presidente más poder en el órgano ejecutivo al reclasificar a los funcionarios públicos, como nombramientos políticos (pág. 43). La principal diferencia entre ambos es que el presidente puede despedir, con mayor facilidad a los designados políticos que a los funcionarios públicos. Esto significa que el presidente tendrá la autoridad para destituir a cualquier empleado federal con facilidad. Una de las funciones de los funcionarios públicos es brindar apoyo a las personas que utilizan los servicios públicos. Si esta función se vuelve partidista, el apoyo no se distribuirá de manera equitativa y la brecha entre las personas de color y las personas blancas aumentará aún más. Este papel tendrá un impacto en departamentos como el del Censo de los EE. UU., lo que contribuirá a la tergiversación que enfrentan los latinos en los EE. UU. Por ejemplo, el Proyecto 2025 espera incorporar una pregunta sobre la ciudadanía en el Censo de los EE. UU. y también reformar las "Normas para el mantenimiento, la recopilación y la presentación de datos federales sobre raza y etnicidad" de la Oficina de Administración y Presupuesto (pág. 680).

## 2. Deportaciones masivas

***"Dar prioridad a la seguridad fronteriza y a la aplicación de las leyes de inmigración, incluidas las detenciones y deportaciones, es fundamental si queremos recuperar el control de la frontera".*** (Proyecto 2025, pág. 135)

El Proyecto 2025 planea derogar partes de la Ley de Reautorización de la Protección de las Víctimas de la Trata de Personas de 2008 para permitir el uso a gran escala de los centros de detención para encarcelar en masa a los migrantes. También cambiará el Título 8 del Código de los EE. UU. § 1226 para exigir la detención obligatoria de los migrantes no autorizados, capturados en el interior del país (pág. 150). Para agravar esto, el Proyecto 2025 también aumentará las capacidades del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) eliminando todas las zonas sensibles en las que el personal del ICE tiene prohibido operar, lo que permitirá redadas en escuelas, iglesias y empresas (pág. 142).

El Proyecto 2025 pide autorizar a las fuerzas del orden estatales y locales a participar en acciones de inmigración y seguridad fronteriza (pág. 150). Al delegar a las fuerzas de seguridad locales, habrá una falta de supervisión y rendición de cuentas, lo que permitirá abusos del sistema que perjudicarán desproporcionadamente a la comunidad latina. Además, los latinos tendrían más dificultades para recibir audiencias imparciales y representación legal, especialmente porque los detenidos no tienen derecho a defensores públicos como los acusados penales. Para agravar esto, el caso de la Corte Suprema Loper Bright Entreprises vs. Raimondo, que derogó la Deferencia Chevron, tiene el potencial de quitarle las audiencias de inmigración al Servicio de Inmigración y Ciudadanía de los Estados Unidos y trasladarlas a los tribunales locales. Estos tribunales locales notoriamente tienen largos retrasos y un conocimiento limitado de las políticas y leyes de inmigración, lo que obligaría a los latinos a tener juicios largos e injustos.

## 3. Cortar la inmigración legal

***"La victimización no debería ser la base para un beneficio migratorio."*** (pág. 144) ***"Si CISOMB continúa como un componente del DHS, se debería emitir una política que prohíba a CISOMB ayudar a los extranjeros ilegales a obtener beneficios. Actualmente, aproximadamente del 15 al 20 por ciento de la carga de trabajo de CISOMB consiste en ayudar a los solicitantes de DACA a obtener y renovar beneficios, incluida la autorización de trabajo. Esta no es la función del Procurador de Derechos Humanos."*** (Project 2025, pág. 166)

El Proyecto 2025 propone reducir la inmigración legal, limitando la inmigración provisional a los Estados Unidos. Por ejemplo, pide un aumento en las tarifas de solicitud de visa. Planea limitar la emisión de visas H-2A y H2-B para trabajadores agrícolas de temporada, así como la eliminación completa de las visas T y U destinadas a proteger a las víctimas de trata o delitos que cooperan activamente con las fuerzas del orden como testigos (pág. 612, 141). El Proyecto 2025 pide eliminar y deportar todas las designaciones de Estatus Temporal, para los inmigrantes cuyos países de origen se consideran inseguros para vivir (pág. 145). Por último, el Proyecto 2025 eliminará gradualmente el DACA para los más de 500.000 beneficiarios, reduciendo al personal para revisar y procesar las solicitudes de renovación, lo que dificultará mucho que los beneficiarios del DACA renueven su estatus dada la falta de personal presente para hacerlo (pág. 145).

## 4. Hacer que la financiación y los beneficios federales dependan de las leyes de inmigración

***"Todos los solicitantes y potenciales beneficiarios de dichas subvenciones deberían cumplir con ciertas condiciones previas para ser elegibles [...] o simplemente deberían ser considerados no elegibles para la financiación."*** (Project 2025, pág. 138)

El Proyecto 2025 exigirá que los solicitantes de subvenciones de la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias, respeten todos los aspectos de la ley federal de inmigración (págs. 137-138). También obligará a los empleadores a utilizar E-Verify, un sistema basado en la web que les permite confirmar la elegibilidad de sus empleados para trabajar en los EE. UU. (pág. 149). Debido a que E-Verify no se actualiza de forma rutinaria, los inmigrantes legales cuya

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documentación esté bajo revisión quedarían clasificados como indocumentados y tratados como tales. El Proyecto 2025 prohibirá que los no ciudadanos, incluidas las familias de estatus mixto, vivan en casas con asistencia federal (pág. 509). Por último, negará el acceso a préstamos estudiantiles a los estudiantes de escuelas que ofrezcan matrícula estatal a personas que no tienen estatus migratorio (pág. 167).

De manera similar, bajo el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional, el Proyecto 2025 exige "poner fin de inmediato al esfuerzo de CISA para combatir la desinformación", el cual promueve campañas dirigidas a los latinos, que según PBS es el grupo más vulnerable ante la desinformación (pág. 155).

## 5. Criminalización de los derechos reproductivos

***"El ser humano posee dignidad y valor inherente desde el momento de la concepción, y el grado de humanidad no depende de la edad, etapa de desarrollo, raza o habilidades. El secretario debe garantizar que todos los programas y actividades del HHS estén arraigados en un profundo respeto por la vida humana inocente desde el día uno hasta la muerte natural: el aborto y la eutanasia no son atención médica".*** (Proyecto 2025, pág. 450)

Según la Kaiser Family Foundation, en 2022 aproximadamente el 18% de los latinos no tenían seguro médico, y los que lo tenían muchas veces estaban subasegurados. Las clínicas para mujeres suelen ser el único punto de acceso de atención médica al que las latinas pueden o están dispuestas a utilizar. Los CDC informan que las latinas tuvieron la segunda tasa de aborto más alta en 2021 con un 12,3%, detrás de las mujeres negras con un 28,6%. Las restricciones a los abortos perjudicarían negativamente a las mujeres de color más que a sus contrapartes blancas, pero especialmente a las latinas, que tienen una mayor población en edad fértil y, en promedio, son más jóvenes que otros grupos demográficos. Esto las hace más vulnerables que otros grupos raciales o étnicos.

El Proyecto 2025 planea que la FDA revierta la aprobación de medicamentos químicos abortivos como la mifepristona y haga ilegal el envío de estos medicamentos por correo, (pág. 485) esto restringiría su uso y distribución. También exige la institución de una Base de Datos Nacional sobre Abortos, que requeriría que los estados informen cuántos abortos ocurren, cuándo y a qué hora, la edad gestacional del niño, el estado de residencia de la madre y mediante qué método (pág. 455). El Proyecto 2025 planea restaurar el comité asesor de ética para supervisar la investigación con tejido fetal derivado del aborto, lo que resultará en una eventual prohibición de la investigación que utilice tejido fetal (pág. 461). Por último, el Proyecto 2025 retirará hasta el 10% de los fondos de Medicaid de los estados que exijan pólizas de seguro privadas para cubrir abortos (pág. 472).

## 6. Desmantelar el Departamento de Educación de Estados Unidos

***"Por el bien de los niños estadounidenses, el Congreso debería cerrarlo y devolverles a los estados el control de la educación. A falta de esto, el Secretario de Educación debería insistir en que el departamento sirva a los padres y a los ideales estadounidenses…"*** (Project 2025, pág. 285-286)

El Proyecto 2025 planea dar a los estados el control total del currículo escolar, permitiéndoles enseñar una historia alternativa y retrógrada de un Estados Unidos "daltónico", erradicando así la historia y las contribuciones de los latinos en los EE.UU. (pág. 285-286). Además, pide restablecer los préstamos estudiantiles al sector privado, lo que afecta desproporcionadamente a la comunidad latina, ya que los latinos tienen la segunda tasa más alta de deuda por préstamos estudiantiles. Esto evitaría la condonación futura de préstamos estudiantiles y pondría fin a los planes de pago basados en los ingresos con el pretexto de ofrecer préstamos estudiantiles más competitivos (pág. 320).

## 7. Recortes y reformas de programas sociales

***"La próxima administración debería: volver a implementar los requisitos laborales. Reformar la elegibilidad categórica de base amplia. Reevaluar el Plan de Alimentos Económicos. Eliminar el vacío legal de la calefacción y la comida".*** (Project 2025, pág. 300-301)

El 27% de los beneficiarios del SNAP son latinos, y el Proyecto 2025 pide aumentar los requisitos del SNAP reimplementando requisitos laborales, eliminando la elegibilidad categórica y haciendo caso omiso de otros gastos al determinar la elegibilidad para el SNAP (pág. 299). Al crear requisitos laborales más estrictos, los latinos, que tradicionalmente trabajan en oficios inestables como la agricultura y la construcción, sentirían negativamente el efecto de estos cambios más que otros grupos demográficos. Además, eliminar la elegibilidad categórica haría que el proceso para solicitar el SNAP fuera más difícil de seguir. El Proyecto 2025 planea reducir el presupuesto del programa de Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas, incluida la eliminación del programa Head Start, ya que dice: "Head Start, originalmente establecido y financiado para apoyar a las familias de bajos ingresos, está plagado de escándalos y abusos" (pág. 476, 482). Los latinos representan el 37,3% de los beneficiarios de TANF, así como el 37% de los niños de Head Start son latinos.

El Proyecto 2025 planea eliminar la Disposición de Elegibilidad Comunitaria para impedir que millones de niños reciban comida gratuita (pág. 302-303). También pide reevaluar el Plan de Alimentos Económicos, que revertiría los aumentos presupuestarios de Biden, reduciendo drásticamente los montos de los beneficios de SNAP (pág. 300).

## 8. Derogar las protecciones vitales en la industria dominada por latinos

***"Las agencias deberían [...] basar la decisión de adquisiciones federales en los contratistas que puedan entregar el mejor producto al menor costo. El Congreso debería [...] permitir que el mercado determine el salario de mercado."*** (Project 2025, pág. 604)

Según la Oficina de Estadísticas Laborales, los latinos constituyen el porcentaje mayoritario de los puestos que se clasifican como "trabajo al aire libre", lo que significa que la falta de protecciones dañaría físicamente a la comunidad. El Proyecto 2025 pide la derogación del Programa Federal del Azúcar, que subsidia la producción nacional de azúcar y elimina las protecciones para los trabajadores de los productores extranjeros. Esto podría tener un efecto dominó en el fin de los subsidios para otros cultivos, como el tabaco, el maíz o el algodón, que afectan a los latinos más que a otras comunidades (pág. 296). También planea terminar con el Acuerdo Laboral del Proyecto, que reducirá la diversidad y el apoyo para el desarrollo equitativo de la fuerza laboral y no tendrá en cuenta la salud y la seguridad ocupacional de los trabajadores en la industria de la construcción (pág. 604). Por último, el Proyecto 2025 derogará la Ley Davis-Bacon, que es un ataque a los trabajadores sindicalizados, ya que permite reducciones salariales y explotación dentro de la industria de la construcción (pág. 604).

## 9. Reorientar la política ambiental hacia un enfoque que no tenga en cuenta el cambio climático

***"La estructura y la misión de la EPA deben ser muy limitadas para reflejar los principios del federalismo cooperativo y del gobierno limitado. Esto requerirá una reestructuración y racionalización significativas de la agencia..."*** (Proyecto 2025, pág. 420)

Al reestructurar y limitar el alcance de la EPA, la capacidad del gobierno para combatir el cambio climático y la contaminación se vería muy restringida. El Proyecto 2025 quiere reducir el papel y el poder de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental, eliminar sus programas "superfluos" y dar a los estados más control sobre su política ambiental (pág. 420). La EPA estaría dirigida por personal político, lo que permite que el sesgo personal y la alianza con un partido político afecten la orientación y las regulaciones que mantiene la EPA.

El Proyecto 2025 exige el desmantelamiento de agencias como la Administración Nacional Oceánica y Atmosférica, el Servicio Meteorológico Nacional y el Servicio Nacional de Pesca Marina. Esto obligará a la privatización de los servicios meteorológicos e impedirá que la fuerza laboral al aire libre esté preparada para su trabajo. Pondrá fin a la guerra contra el petróleo y el gas, eliminando las prohibiciones a la perforación petrolera, financiando los principales gasoductos naturales y los oleoductos para promover el dominio energético estadounidense (pág. 365). El Proyecto 2025 pide desmantelar el Programa Nacional de Seguros contra Inundaciones (NFIP) a beneficio de un seguro privado. Esto dificultará que los propietarios latinos, especialmente en ciudades como Miami, Houston y Los Ángeles, puedan pagar el seguro y aumentará aún más la brecha entre los propietarios de viviendas (pág. 154).

## 10. Poner fin a las iniciativas de diversidad, equidad e inclusión

***"Las políticas y programas familiares bajo el HHS del presidente Biden están plagados de temas de agenda centrados en la "equidad LGBTQ+", subsidiando a las madres solteras, desincentivando el trabajo y penalizando el matrimonio. Estas políticas deben ser derogadas y reemplazadas por políticas que apoyen la formación de familias nucleares estables y casadas".*** (Proyecto 2025, pág. 451)

El Proyecto 2025 exige la abolición de las iniciativas de diversidad, equidad e inclusión (DEI), que afectarían desproporcionadamente de manera negativa a la comunidad latina al crear mayores barreras de entrada en espacios de educación, la fuerza laboral y otras áreas necesarias para la prosperidad económica (pág. 258). Además, esto hará que las cuestiones de derechos civiles se aborden a través de litigios, en lugar de hacerlo a nivel administrativo. Hará ajustes al Título IX para eliminar las protecciones establecidas por la Administración Biden para proteger a las personas LGBTQ+ de la discriminación en los espacios educativos (pág. 33). Por último, el Proyecto 2025 volverá a centrarse en la "familia nuclear" –una familia formada por una madre y un padre casados y sus hijos biológicos– derogando políticas centradas en la equidad LGBTQ+, que subvencionan a los padres solteros y que penalizan la institución del matrimonio (pág. 451).

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La Liga de Ciudadanos Latinoamericanos Unidos (LULAC) es la organización hispana más grande y antigua de los Estados Unidos. LULAC promueve el mejoramiento económico, los logros educativos, la influencia política, la vivienda, la salud y los derechos civiles de los hispanoamericanos a través de programas comunitarios que operan en más de 525 consejos de LULAC en todo el país. La organización involucra y atiende a todos los grupos de nacionalidad hispana.

# The Battle Ahead: Latino Civil Rights vs. Project 2025

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The 2025 Mandate for Leadership, The Conservative Promise, more publicly recognized as "Project 2025" is a roadmap for the first 180 days in office for a conservative presidency. It was drafted by The Heritage Foundation, which is a right-leaning, conservative think tank based in Washington, D.C. charged with crafting policies that align with the Republican party. The Heritage Foundation gave the first Mandate for Leadership to Reagan to "repair the executive branch" after Jimmy Carter's presidency.

Former President Trump has recently distanced himself from Project 2025 by tweeting:

> "I know nothing about Project 2025. I have no idea who is behind it. I disagree with some of the things they're saying and some of the things they're saying are absolutely ridiculous and abysmal. Anything they do, I wish them luck, but I have nothing to do with them." (@realDonaldTrump)

However, this was refuted by a 2022 statement from former President Trump:

> "[The Heritage Foundation] is a great group, and they're going to lay the groundwork and detail plans for exactly what our movement will do and what your movement will do when the American people give us a colossal mandate to save America." (Bennen, 2024)

Additionally, several authors, editors, and contributors of Project 2025 have previously worked for the Trump administration. Roughly 64% of policy recommendations from the 2016 Mandate for Leadership were either implemented or taken into consideration by the Trump Administration in 2017 (The Heritage Foundation).

In this article, we will outline ten specific ways in which Project 2025 disproportionately negatively impacts Latino civil rights.

## 1. Establish a Unitary Executive Branch

***"The modern conservative President's task is to limit, control, and direct the executive branch. This challenge is created and exacerbated by [...] the inability to hold career civil servants accountable for their performance." (Project 2025, pg. 43)***

Project 2025 proposes giving the president more power in the Executive Branch by reclassifying civil servants as political appointments (pg. 43). The main difference between the two is that political appointees can be more easily fired by the president than civil servants. This means the president will have the authority to remove any federal employee with ease. One of the roles of civil servants is to provide support for people using public services. Should this role become partisan, support will not be equally distributed, and the gap between people of color and white people will increase even more than it already is. This role will impact departments like the U.S. Census, which will contribute to the misrepresentation faced by Latinos in the U.S. For example, Project 2025 hopes to incorporate a citizenship question into the US Census, and also reform the Office of Management and Budget "Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity" (pg. 680).

## 2. Mass Deportations

***"Prioritizing border security and immigration enforcement, including detention and deportation, is critical if we are to regain control of the border." (Project 2025, pg. 135)***

Project 2025 plans to repeal parts of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to allow for the large-scale use of detention facilities to mass incarcerate migrants. It also will change Title 8 of U.S. Code § 1226 to require mandatory detention for unauthorized migrants caught within the U.S. interior (pg. 150). To compound this, Project 2025 will also increase Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) capabilities by removing all sensitive zones where ICE personnel are prohibited from operating, allowing for raids in schools, churches, and businesses (pg. 142).

Project 2025 calls to authorize state and local law enforcement to participate in immigration and border security actions (pg. 150). Through deputizing local law enforcement, there will be a lack of oversight and accountability, allowing for abuses of the system that would disproportionately hurt the Latino community. Additionally, Latinos would have a more difficult time receiving impartial hearings and legal representation, especially because detainees are not entitled to public defenders as criminal defendants are. To compound upon this, the Supreme Court Case Loper Bright Entreprises vs. Raimondo, which repealed the Chevron Deference, has the potential to take immigration hearings away from the United States Immigration and Citizenship Services and shift them to the local courts. These local courts notoriously have long backlogs and a limited understanding of immigration policies and laws, which would force Latinos to have long and unjust trials.

## 3. Cutting Off Legal Immigration

***"Victimization should not be a basis for an immigration benefit." (pg. 144) "If CISOMB continues as a DHS component, a policy should be issued that prohibits CISOMB from assisting illegal aliens to obtain benefits. Currently, approximately 15 percent–20 percent of CISOMB's workload consists of helping DACA applicants obtain and renew benefits, including work authorization. This is not the role of an ombudsman." (Project 2025, pg. 166)***

Project 2025 proposes to cut down on legal immigration by limiting interim immigration into the United States. For example, it calls for an increase in visa application fees. It plans to limit the issuance of H-2A and H2-B visas for seasonal agricultural workers, as well as the complete elimination of T and U visas meant to protect trafficking or crime victims who are actively cooperating with law enforcement as a witness (pg. 612, 141). Project 2025 calls to remove and deport all Temporary Status designations for migrants whose home countries are considered unsafe to live in (pg. 145). Finally, Project 2025 will phase out DACA for the over 500,000 recipients by eliminating staff time for reviewing and processing renewal applications which will make it very hard for DACA recipients to renew their status given the proposed lack of staff present to do so (pg.145).

## 4. Making Federal Funding & Benefits Contingent on Immigration Laws

***"All applicants and potential recipients of such grant funding should be required to meet certain preconditions for eligibility [...] or should simply be considered ineligible for funding." (Project 2025, pg. 138)***

Project 2025 will require that applicants for Federal Emergency Management Agency grants honor all aspects of federal immigration law (pg. 137-138). It will also mandate that employers use E-Verify, a web-based system letting employers confirm the eligibility of their employees to work in the US (pg. 149). Because E-Verify is not routinely updated, it would leave legal immigrants whose paperwork is under review to be classified as undocumented and treated as such. Project 2025 will prohibit noncitizens, including mixed-status families, from

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living in all federally assisted housing (pg. 509). Finally, it will deny student loan access to students at schools that provide in-state tuition to individuals who lack immigration status (pg. 167).

Similarly, under the Department of Homeland Security, Project 2025 calls for "immediately ending CISA's counter-mis/disinformation efforts," which would promote propaganda targeting Latinos as PBS reported that the Latino community is the most vulnerable for mis/disinformation (pg. 155).

## 5. Criminalization of Reproductive Rights

***"From the moment of conception, every human being possesses inherent dignity and worth, and our humanity does not depend on our age, stage of development, race, or abilities. The Secretary must ensure that all HHS programs and activities are rooted in a deep respect for innocent human life from day one until natural death: Abortion and euthanasia are not health care." (Project 2025, pg. 450)***

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, in 2022 approximately 18% of Latinos do not have health insurance, and those who do are often underinsured. Women's clinics are often the only entry-point to health care that Latinas are able or willing to utilize. CDC reports that Latinas had the second highest abortion rate in 2021 at 12.3%, trailing behind Black women at 28.6%. Restrictions on abortions would negatively hurt women of color more so than their white counterparts, but especially Latinas who have a greater population within child-bearing years and on average younger are than other demographics. This makes them more at risk than other racial or ethnic groups.

Project 2025 plans to have the FDA reverse its approval of chemical abortion drugs such as mifepristone and make it illegal to mail abortion medication (pg. 485). This would restrict the use and distribution of abortion medication. It also calls for the institution of a National Abortion Database that would require states to report how many abortions occur, when and what time, gestational age of the child, mother's state of residence, and by what method (pg. 455). Project 2025 plans to restore the ethics advisory committee to oversee abortion-derived fetal tissue research, resulting in an eventual ban on research using fetal tissue (pg. 461). Finally, Project 2025 will withdraw up to 10% of Medicaid funds from states that require private insurance policies to cover abortions (pg. 472).

## 6. Dismantle the U.S. Department of Education

***"For the sake of American children, Congress should shutter it and return control of education to the states. Short of this, the Secretary of Education should insist that the department serve parents and American ideals…" (Project 2025, pg. 285-286)***

Project 2025 plans to give states total control of school curriculum, allowing them to teach alternative and backwards history of a "color-blind" America, thus eradicating the history and contributions of Latinos in the US (pg. 285-286). Additionally, it calls to restore student loans to the private sector, which disproportionately impacts the Latino community as Latinos have the second highest rate of student loan debt. This would prevent future student loan forgiveness and end income-driven repayment plans in the name of offering more competitive student loans (pg. 320).

## 7. Social Program Cuts and "Reforms"

***"The next Administration should: Re-implement work requirements. l Reform broad-based categorical eligibility. Re-evaluate the Thrifty Food Plan. Eliminate the heat-and-eat loophole." (Project 2025, pg. 300-301)***

27% of SNAP recipients are Latino, and Project 2025 calls to increase SNAP requirements by re-implementing work requirements, eliminating categorical eligibility, and disregarding other expenses when determining eligibility for SNAP (pg. 299). Through creating harsher work requirements, Latinos, who traditionally work in unstable careers like agriculture and construction, would negatively feel the effect of these changes more so than other demographics. Additionally, eliminating categorical eligibility would make the process to apply for SNAPs more difficult to navigate.

Project 2025 plans to reduce the budget of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including the elimination of the Head Start program as it reads "Head Start, originally established and funded to support low-income families, is fraught with scandal and abuse" (pg.476, 482). Latinos make up 37.3% of TANF recipients, as well as 37% of Head Start kids are Latino.

Project 2025 plans to eliminate the Community Eligibility Provision to bar millions of children from receiving free meals (pg. 302-303). It also calls to re-evaluate the Thrifty Food Plan, which would reverse Biden's budget increases thereby drastically reducing SNAP benefit amounts (pg. 300).

## 8. Repeal Vital Protections for Latino-Dominated Industries

***"Agencies should [...] base federal procurement decisions on the contractors that can deliver the best product at the lowest cost. Congress should [...] allow markets to determine market wages." (Project 2025, pg. 604)***

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Latinos make up the majority percentage of positions that are classified as "outdoor labor," which means that a lack of protections would physically harm the community. Project 2025 calls for the repeal of the Federal Sugar Program, which subsidizes domestic sugar production and removes protections for laborers from foreign producers. This could domino into ending subsidies for other crops, like tobacco, maize, or cotton which affects Latinos more so than other communities (pg. 296). It also plans to end the Project Labor Agreement, which will decrease diversity and support for equitable workforce development and disregard worker health and safety on the job in the construction industry (pg. 604). Finally, Project 2025 will repeal the Davis-Bacon Act, which is an attack on unionized labor as it enables wage reductions and exploitation within the construction industry (pg. 604).

## 9. Refocus Environmental Policy Away from Climate Change

***"EPA's structure and mission should be greatly circumscribed to reflect the principles of cooperative federalism and limited government. This will require significant restructuring and streamlining of the agency..." (Project 2025, pg. 420)***

By restructuring and limiting the scope of the EPA, the government's ability to combat climate change and pollution would be greatly restricted. Project 2025 wants to shrink the role and power of the Environmental Protection Agency, eliminate its "superfluous" programs, and give states more control of their environmental policy (pg. 420). The EPA would be run by political personnel, which allows for personal bias and alliance to a political party to impact the guidance and regulations upheld by the EPA.

Project 2025 calls for the dismantling of agencies such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Weather Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service. This will force the privatization of weather services and prevent the outdoor labor force from being prepared for their work. It will stop the war on oil & gas by removing prohibitions on oil drilling, funding major natural gas pipelines, funding oil pipelines to promote American energy dominance (pg. 365). Project 2025 calls to dismantle the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in favor of private insurance. This will make it harder for Latino homeowners, especially in cities like Miami, Houston, and Los Angeles to afford insurance and further increase the homeownership gap (pg. 154).

## 10. End Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives

***"Family policies and programs under President Biden's HHS are fraught with agenda items focusing on "LGBTQ+ equity," subsidizing single-motherhood, disincentivizing work, and penalizing marriage. These policies should be repealed and replaced by policies that support the formation of stable, married, nuclear families." (Project 2025, pg. 451)***

Project 2025 calls for the abolition of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, which would disproportionately negatively impact the Latino community through creating greater barriers to entry in spaces of education, the workforce, and other areas needed for economic prosperity (pg. 258). Additionally, this will cause civil rights issues to be addressed through litigation, rather than on an administrative level. It will make adjustments to Title IX to remove protections set in place by the Biden Administration to protect LGBTQ+ individuals from discrimination in education spaces (pg. 33). Finally, Project 2025 will refocus on the "nuclear family"- a family consisting of a married mother and father and their biological children- by repealing policies focused on LGBTQ+ equity, subsidizing single parents, and that penalize the institution of marriage (pg. 451).

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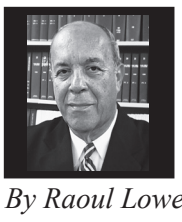

## "Trump's Coachella Inferno"

*By Raoul Lowery Contreras*

Why in the world would the Trump campaign create a political rally in the California Desert on a hot fall day where the temperature is a hundred degrees or higher? Plus, schedule it in a place with little parking so the rally-goers have to park some distance away and ride buses from their cars to the rally.

And why would the rally managers not book buses for the roundtrip from parking to the rally? What? The buses weren't booked for a round trip before the rally and after. Seniors were stranded. Many had no choice but to walk the distance, many were overcome by the heat, many were helpless. Hundreds were helpless.

And why did the campaign even book the event in California to begin with? Trump lost California in 2016 and 2020; in 2020 by over five million votes. To help a local congressman? For that, hundreds of rally-goers suffered in the California desert. Why? Because someone didn't organize roundtrip buses. Something an eighth grader knows how to do.

This basically reflects most if not all of Trump rallies. His staff doesn't perform well. He shows up late. He talks too long. He bores intelligent people with his non-scripts and vile personnel attacks. People walk out long before Trump even asks for their votes.

Calling his opponent "dumb" is well received by educated and refined people -- LOL! Calling his opponent a "Marxist" when Trump has no idea what a Marxist is also well received by educated and refined people -- LOL!

Telling whopper lies that six graders can challenge with simple Google searches is well received by educated and refined people -- LOL!

Threatening to use the American military to round-up educated and refined people who oppose Trump and verbalize that opposition is well received by the people who dominate American voting, the great American center.

Remember when Trump told the world that he would recruit and hire only the "best" people for his 2017 administration, remember? Well, hundreds of his appointees have joined the "F*****g Moron" brigade that started with Cabinet Secretaries (State and Defense), four star generals and White House personnel.

The Brigade has joined together to oppose Trump in this year of our Lord 2024.

We must join the Brigade as well. Every single person with a brain stem must reject Trump now and every minute of the day between now -- with early voting -- and November 5. We must bury him as we must his loyal spear carriers like Stephan Miller who leads the anti-immigrant bandwagon and Michael Flynn and his "Christian soldiers" and flunkies like the "Pillow Man" and grand liar Stephen Cheung, Trump's campaign mouthpiece.

We must bury these people and their January 6th traitors and jailbirds and the other man who would lead us into Trump's Inferno, Elon Musk.

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# EDITORIAL OPINION

## "El Inferno De Coachella De Trump"

*By Raoul Lowery Contreras*

¿Por qué la campaña de Trump crearía un mitin político en el desierto de California en un caluroso día de otoño donde la temperatura es de cien grados o más? Además, prográmelo en un lugar con poco estacionamiento para que los asistentes al mitin tengan que estacionar a cierta distancia y viajar en autobuses desde sus autos hasta el mitin.

¿Y por qué los responsables del rally no reservarían autobuses para el viaje de ida y vuelta desde el aparcamiento hasta el rally? ¿Qué? Los autobuses no estaban reservados para un viaje de ida y vuelta antes y después del mitin. Las personas mayores quedaron varadas. Muchos no tuvieron más remedio que caminar la distancia, muchos fueron vencidos por el calor, muchos quedaron indefensos. Cientos de personas estaban indefensas.

¿Y por qué la campaña incluso reservó el evento en California para empezar? Trump perdió California en 2016 y 2020; en 2020 por más de cinco millones de votos. ¿Para ayudar a un congresista local? Por ello, cientos de asistentes al mitin sufrieron en el desierto de California. ¿Por qué? Porque alguien no organizó autobuses de ida y vuelta. Algo que un alumno de octavo grado sabe hacer.

Esto básicamente refleja la mayoría, si no todos, los mítines de Trump. Su personal no se desempeña bien. Llega tarde. Habla demasiado. Aburre a la gente inteligente con sus faltas de guión y sus viles ataques al personal. La gente se marcha mucho antes de que Trump les pida sus votos.

Llamar "tonto" a su oponente es bien recibido por personas educadas y refinadas – ¡LOL! Llamar "marxista" a su oponente cuando Trump no tiene idea de lo que es un marxista, también es bien recibido por personas educadas y refinadas: ¡LOL!

Decir mentiras enormes que los alumnos de sexto grado pueden desafiar con búsquedas simples en Google es bien recibido por personas educadas y refinadas: ¡LOL!

Amenazar con utilizar al ejército estadounidense para arrestar a personas educadas y refinadas que se oponen a Trump y verbalizar que la oposición es bien recibida por la gente que domina la votación estadounidense, el gran centro estadounidense.

¿Recuerda cuando Trump le dijo al mundo que reclutaría y contrataría solo a las "mejores" personas para su administración de 2017? Bueno, cientos de sus designados se han unido a la brigada "Maldito idiota" que comenzó con secretarios del gabinete (Estado y Defensa), generales de cuatro estrellas y personal de la Casa Blanca.

La Brigada se ha unido para oponerse a Trump en este año de nuestro Señor 2024.

Nosotros también debemos unirnos a la Brigada. Cada persona con un tronco encefálico debe rechazar a Trump ahora y cada minuto del día entre ahora (con votación anticipada) y el 5 de noviembre. Debemos enterrarlo al igual que debemos enterrarlo como debemos hacerlo con sus leales portadores de lanzas como Stephan Miller, quien lidera el grupo antiinmigrantey, Michael Flynn y sus "soldados cristianos" y lacayos como el "Hombre Almohada" y el gran mentiroso Stephen Cheung, portavoz de la campaña de Trump.

Debemos enterrar a estas personas y a sus traidores y presos del 6 de enero y al otro hombre que nos llevaría al infierno de Trump, Elon Musk.

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# Michigan Sports !!!

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The Detroit Lions traveled to take on the Dallas Cowboys this past Sunday, after having a BYE week, and were looking for revenge after last season's loss to the Cowboys on a bad call.

The Lions dominated the Cowboys 47-9.

The Detroit Lions also lost DL #97 Aidan Hutchinson, to a broken tibia and fibula, and will be out for the rest of the season.

Currently the Lions have not looked to fill that spot.

The Detroit Lions are still on the road, this Sunday, October 20th, to take on divisional rivals, the Minnesota Vikings, at 1:00 pm (FOX), before returning to Ford Field, on Sunday, October 27th, to host the Tennessee Titans, at 1:00 pm (FOX).

Photo by University of Michigan Athletics

The #24 University of Michigan Wolverines had a BYE week, this past weekend.

The Wolverines look to bounce back, on the road to take on the #22 Illinois Fighting Illini, this Saturday, October 19th, at 2:30 pm Central time (CBS).

The Wolverines return to the Big House, to host the Michigan State Spartans, under the lights, on Saturday, October 26th at 7:30 pm (Big Ten Network).

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The Detroit Tigers gave Detroit and Tiger fans a wonderful season, after going from not even making the playoffs, to making it to the Divisional round, but the Tigers could not make it past the Guardians in game 5.

Tigers and fans look forward to next year to making it to the playoffs and hopefully the World Series

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# DCFC Clinches Playoff Spot

David Levine
EL CENTRAL

While nobody went home completely satisfied after Saturday's 0-0 draw between Detroit City and Indy XI, Le Rouge can be pleased that they have clinched a spot in the USL Championship playoffs. The teams in positions three through eleven in the Eastern Conference remain closely packed together, meaning we won't know who DCFC will be playing and where until after the regular season finishes.

Following the weekend's games, most teams have played thirty-two games. The Tampa Bay Rowdies and Hartford Athletic have a crucial match to play that was postponed by Hurricane Milton. That result, along with the games on the next two weekends, will finalize the table. As of now, DCFC is the third seed and would host the Rowdies at Keyworth. That is likely to change often this weekend when DCFC hosts rock-bottom Miami and other games take place around the division.

Against Indy XI, coach Danny Dichio had to make one change due to Connor Rutz's red card suspension. Elvis Amoh took his place. The lanky striker hustled and pressed, but never had a clear sight of goal. Great chances didn't often appear last weekend. Indy came to town looking like they wanted a draw. Most of the game, they lined up with five defenders, daring DCFC to break them down. The home team, urged on by their vocal support, kept a lot of possession, nearly 70%, but only managed four shots on goal.

The best chance of the game came after sixteen minutes. Alex Villanueva fired a beautiful free kick off the crossbar. Ben Morris followed up and saw his shot well saved by the goalkeeper. Morris had another chance midway through the second half when he surprisingly found room in front of the goal, but fired wide.

Nate Steinwascher had a trouble free afternoon. What few opportunities Indy made, the defense snuffed out. Devon Amoo-Mensah in particular put his body on the line to block several attempts at goal. He wasn't the only defender to step up. The team made a concerted effort to smother every attack and succeeded in keeping a clean sheet.

Miami comes to Keyworth on Saturday sporting a lengthy losing streak. They were eliminated from playoff contention weeks ago and are just playing out the season. DCFC has to get three points. They won the previous match in Miami 4-0. Given the current table, DCFC can finish no lower than sixth. To host a playoff game, they have to finish in at least fourth place. Winning the last two games, with the regular season finale in San Antonio, would ensure a home playoff game at Keyworth. That was the team's goal at the beginning of the season. It is now within reach.

**POCHETTINO STARTS WITH A WIN**

The crowd at Q2 Stadium in Austin, Texas chanted Mauricio Pochettino's name as he left the field last Saturday night. That hasn't happened to a US manager in some time, if ever. They had just witnessed the first step in a long journey towards redemption for the men's national team. The red, white, and blue had a mostly disappointing 2024, barely scraping by Jamaica in the Nations League semifinals, being mercilessly whipped by a rampant Colombia, and finally exiting the Copa America in the group phase. Add in a dismal September international window and this program needed a jolt of something different.

US Soccer went for different when they hired Pochettino. He's not a US Soccer insider by any stretch. He has managed top clubs with top players in top leagues. He demands his players commit to a high intensity regime that carries over to games. With only a few days to meet his new team before a game, Pochettino didn't make things too complicated. The squad was also limited due to injuries to a number of key players.

Still, Pochettino had the USA's star player in Christian Pulisic available. The AC Milan attacker has been at his peak this season, scoring five times already for the club. CONCACAF opponents are all too familiar with the USA's number ten. Panama, as they did during Copa America, targeted Pulisic for rough treatment when he got the ball. Even so, Pulisic's quick move past a defender set up Yunus Musah for the USA's first goal just four minutes into the second half. It was Musah's first international goal, giving him reason for a little extra celebration.

Pochettino pulled Pulisic off after sixty-seven minutes and sent him back to Italy in order to avoid overuse during this international window. Several other players have been sent back to their clubs. One of them is Ricardo Pepi who rebounded from taking a ball to the face with the USA's second goal in stoppage time. It came from another good move on the left with Haji Wright supplying the cross for Pepi.

The competition for starting goalkeeper is underway, too. Matt Turner had the first opportunity. He looks jittery with the ball at his feet and distributes poorly overall. However, he also made a stunning double save just minutes after Musah's goal to preserve the lead. Pochettino may look to play Patrick Schulte or Ethan Horvath in Mexico this week to get a look at a different option.

Given the poor level of the team during much of 2024, this window has been about starting fresh. Against Panama the team did have greater intensity. They worked hard to win the ball after losing it. The two goals were well worked moves that involved multiple players passing and running off the ball, but apart from the two goals, they created very little. Panama played with a packed defense and the US couldn't find a way through. Josh Sargent missed the best opportunity of the first half, showing that his excellent play for Norwich has yet to translate into strong play for the national team.

The midweek game in Mexico will be a good test for the team. The US won't have as many as eight or nine regular starters. Pochettino will get a thorough look at his depth, especially in midfield and attack. He will then have a few weeks to digest information from the two games, watch the players at their clubs, and think about his selection for November when the US will play the quarterfinals of this year's CONCACAF Nations League.

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# Special World's Cultures
## Bolivia

## Desert: The Salar de Uyuni

The Salar de Uyuni is the largest salt desert on the planet, occupying more than 10,000 square kilometers and is located at the southern end of the Bolivian Altiplano, at an altitude of 3,650 meters above sea level, in the Department of Potosí.

This vast salt flat was part of a gigantic prehistoric lake that dried up seasonally, leaving huge quantities of salt after evaporating about 40,000 years ago. Its salt has been traditionally harvested by the Aymara people.

It has different attractions, such as the train desert, hot springs, geysers, llamas, flamingos, the salt hotel, the Dakar salt sculpture.

It is one of the most wonderful places on earth. The dates when it is recommended to visit are in summer, from December to March, when the salt flats fill with water and look like an immense mirror with which you can take the best photographs.

It is the richest lithium deposit in the world, which has put it at risk of being excavated.

## National Park: Madidi

The Madidi National Park and Integrated Management Natural Area is a destination of incomparable natural beauty where 3,235 species live in perfect harmony with humans. It is without a doubt the protected area of greatest ecological and biogeographical relevance in Bolivia, and one of the most important on the planet due to the high biodiversity and variety of ecosystems it presents.

Here live 867 species of birds (85% of the country's avifauna), 156 species of mammals, 84 species of amphibians, 71 species of reptiles and 192 species of fish, in addition to very diverse flora in which 1,865 species of higher plants and 2,873 probable species have been recorded. Peculiar aquatic species can be observed, such as piranhas, freshwater stingrays and in some areas, the pink freshwater dolphin. It should be noted that there are 40 species of vertebrates in the park, endemic or unique.

There are several indigenous communities that have been settled in the area for centuries or have historically been related to it.

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,
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## The Isla del Sol: Sun Island

The Isla del Sol is 9.6 km long by 4.8 km wide and is considered a sacred place. It is said that this is where the God Viracocha created humanity after the great flood.

The island is divided into three communities: "Yumani" in the south, "Challa" which has a white sandy beach on the central east coast and "Challapampa" near the northern end of the island. The southern part is more visited and there are the archaeological ruins of the Pilkokaina Temple and the stone steps of the Yumani dock, which lead to the Fountain of Life. In this part there are various lodgings, restaurants-cafes and pizzerias.

The northern part can be accessed by boat from Yumani to Challapampa, or by walking 3 hours along a pre-Columbian path that crosses the island. There are the archaeological sites of La Chincana (a labyrinth of stone walls),

the Temple of the Sun, the Sacred Rock and the Ceremonial Table. There is also an interpretation circuit and an archaeological museum. From Challapampa it is possible to visit the Moon Island

by boat. The most important attractions are: the archaeological sites of the Inca culture, the pre-Hispanic roads and paths, the white sand beaches and the beautiful panoramas of the lake.

# ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO
## Bolivia

## Isla del Sol

La Isla del Sol tiene 9.6 kms de largo por 4.8 km. de ancho y es considerada un lugar sagrado. Se dice que ahí fue donde el Dios Viracocha creó a la humanidad luego del gran diluvio.

La isla se divide en tres comunidades: "Yumani" en el sur, "Challa" que tiene una playa blanca arenosa en la costa del este central y "Challapampa" cerca del extremo norte de la isla. La parte Sur es más visitada y ahí se encuentran las ruinas arqueológicas del Templo Pilkokaina y las escalinatas de piedra del muelle de Yumani, que conducen a la Fuente de la Vida. En esta parte existen diversos hospedajes, restaurantes-cafés y pizzerías.

A la parte Norte puede accederse por bote desde Yumani hacia Challapampa, o caminando 3 horas por un sendero precolombino que cruza la isla. Ahí se encuentran los sitios arqueológicos de La Chincana (laberinto de paredes de piedra),

El Templo del Sol, la Roca Sagrada y la Mesa de las Ceremonias. Además existe un circuito de interpretación y un museo arqueológico. Desde Challapampa es posible visitar la Isla de la Luna en lancha. Los atractivos más importantes son: los sitios arqueológicos de la cultura Inca, los caminos y senderos prehispánicos, las playas de arenas blancas y los hermosos panoramas del lago.

## Desierto: Salar de Uyuni

El Salar de Uyuni es el desierto de sal más grande del planeta, ocupando más de 10,000 kilómetros cuadrados y se encuentra en el extremo sur del Altiplano boliviano, a una altitud de 3650 metros sobre el nivel del mar, en el Departamento de Potosí.

Este vasto salar formaba parte de un gigantesco lago prehistórico que se secaba estacionalmente, dejando tras evaporarse ingentes cantidades de sal hace unos 40,000 años. Su sal ha sido cosechada tradicionalmente por los Aymara.

Cuenta con diferentes atractivos, como el desierto de trenes, las aguas termales, los geyser, las llamas,los flamencos, el hotel de sal, la escultura de sal de Dakar. Es uno de los lugares más maravillosos de la tierra. Las fechas en que se recomienda visitar es en verano, de diciembre a marzo, cuando las salinas se llenan de agua y parece un inmenso espejo con el que se podrán tomar las mejores fotografías.

Es el yacimiento de litio más rico del mundo, lo que lo ha puesto en riesgo de excavaciones.

## Parque nacional: Madidi

El Parque Nacional y Área Natural de Manejo Integrado Madidi es un destino de incomparable belleza natural donde 3,235 especies conviven en perfecta armonía con el ser humano. Es sin duda, el área protegida de mayor relevancia ecológica y biogeográfica de Bolivia, y una de las más importantes del planeta por la alta biodiversidad y variedad de ecosistemas que presenta.

Aquí habitan 867 especies de aves (85% de la avifauna del país), 156 especies de mamíferos,

84 especies de anfibios, 71 especies de reptiles y 192 especies de peces, además de flora muy diversa en la que se han registrado 1,865 especies de plantas superiores y 2,873 especies probables.

Especies acuáticas peculiares pueden ser observadas, tal es el caso de pirañas, rayas de agua dulce de la picadura y en algunas áreas, el delfín rosado de agua dulce. Se debe resaltar el hecho de que en el parque existen 40 especies de vertebrados, endémicos o únicos.

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